# Hobhouse's 8 Principles of Liberalism

#### 1. Rule of Law

- limit government power by proclaiming the supremacy of laws
- ensures the legal equality of all individuals
- protects the rights of people from arbitrary interference by officials

### 2. Responsible Government

 principle that all government officials are accountable to the people and can only rule by their consent

#### 3. Civil Liberties

the freedom of thought, expression, association, religion and the press

#### 4. Constitutionalism

- by means of a charter, social contract, or convention
- outlines, defines and limits the exercise of governmental power by law

#### 5. Individualism

- the chief function of government is to foster the well-being of each person and to
- permit them to reach their fulfilment

## 6. Majority Rule

public decisions are weighted in favour of the greater number of citizens

## 7. Popular sovereignty

♦ source of all government and public authority flows from the people

## 8. International Co-operation

called for the reduction / elimination of all trade barriers, tariffs, quotas, and other instruments of economic protectin in order to foster international interaction